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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : USIB Steering Group on Monitoring
Strategic Arms Limitations

REFERENCE : USIB-D-27.5/2, 19 May 1972,
Special Limited Distribution

1. In a memorandum circulated by the reference to USIB Principals, the Chairman established the subject Steering Group on a provisional basis pending actual achievement of an agreement.

2. The Chairman's memorandum (copy attached) is being given broader distribution now that a Strategic Arms Limitations Agreement has been reached and the subject group is no longer provisional.



Executive Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

19 May 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Provisional USIB Steering Group on
Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations

1. The time is clearly at hand when we must consider the implications for the intelligence community of agreement with the USSR on strategic arms limitations. If agreements are reached, we will have a number of new responsibilities: for monitoring Soviet activities in the areas covered; for investigating and reporting on possible Soviet violations or other developments which might warrant challenge or enquiry; for assessing how much might be revealed to the USSR in such a proceeding without unduly jeopardizing intelligence sources and methods. I will probably also be asked to submit periodic reports on the status of Soviet compliance.

2. Much of the task can be handled adequately with established intelligence procedures. In addition, however, I think it essential that I have--and be clearly seen to have--a specific mechanism to assist me in carrying out my monitoring responsibilities and in mobilizing the intelligence community's collection and analytical resources when problems arise.

3. To this end I propose to establish--provisionally, pending actual achievement of an agreement--a USIB Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations under the chairmanship of General Walters. Because of the sensitivity of the subject matter and the desirability of keeping our staffing arrangements as uncomplicated as possible, I propose to limit membership in the Steering Group [redacted] for DIA, Dr. Cline for State, and [redacted]

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for CIA. The Steering Group would be expected to call on other USIB committees and intelligence community components for assistance as necessary to insure that the full resources of the community are brought to bear on the monitoring problem.



Richard Helms
Chairman

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